

...without the champagne trimmings."

Astronaut's visit

A BUSBY family have received an invitation from Langholm Town Council to join in the celebrations on Saturday, when astronaut Neil Armstrong receives the freedom of the town.

They are Mr and Mrs George Armstrong Walker, who have a 17-year-old daughter Gina and a 14-year-old son John.

Reason for the invitation is that Mr Walker is the man who three years ago suggested that the town council invite Neil Armstrong to the town—because Langholm is considered to be the home of the Armstrong clan.

Langholm's town clerk Mr Edward Armstrong was most enthusiastic about the suggestion, but it has taken Neil a lot longer to reach the town than it did to fly him to the moon.

George tells me that he is very proud of his Langholm connections—his late mother, Mrs Georgina Armstrong Walker, was born in the town. She came to Glasgow during the depression in the tweedmills, but always took her children back to Langholm for the summer holidays.

